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How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow, And the summers like bads between, And the year is the sheaf-so they come and they go, On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,

As it glides through the shadow and sheen, There's a musical isle on the river of Time, Where the softest of airs are playing ; There's a cloudless sky and tropical clime, And a song as sweet as vesper chime,

And the name of this isle is Long Ago, And we bury our treasures there; There are brown of beauty and bosoms of snow-There are heaps of dust but we love them so ! There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

When the Junes with the roses are staying.

There are iragments of songs that nobody sings, And a part of an infant's prayer; There's a lute unswept, and a harp without strings, There are broken vows and pieces of rings, And the garment that she used to wear.

There are bands that are waved when the flery shore By the mirage is lifted in air; And we sometimes hear through the turbulent roar, Sweet voices we heard in days gone before, When the wind down the river is fair.

Oh! remembered for aye be that blessed isle. All the days of our life till night-When the evening comes with its beautiful smile, And our eyes are closed to slumber awhile, May our "greenwood" of soul be in sight.

—Selected.

Our Island Correspondence. WAILUKU, Maui, February, 1868. Wallaka.

A short gallop over an excellent road, in a bright and breezy morning, brought us to the beautiful and active village of Wailuku. In the nidst of gardens and canefields, it had a charmby rural air. Fruit trees waved around, and an aroma came up from budding roses and blushing flowers; the smoke was pouring from the chimneys of the sugar mills; wagons laden with the juicy cane were coming from the fields; children, healthy, clean and well-dressed, were wending their way to the school-houses, and everything gave an indication of active industry and prosperity.

The street was broad and straight. On the right was the neat new church of the haoles, built for the Rev. Mr. Thurston, and near it the Court House and prison of Wailuku; while to the left, in a wide and neglected square, the old stone Mission Church towered up in gloomy and dilapidated grandeur. Commanding a beautiful view and central in its situation, it is a wonder that it should be suffered to go to neglect and ruin. There is not a tree planted in its broad plaza to relieve the vision or to cast a grateful shade on the native worshippers. I lay the fault to the door of the Missionaries more than the natives. The great Dutch barn of a village church could have been repaired, for all the devotional purposes of Wailuku, at a less sum than it cost to erect the new charch. It would have been more commodious and durable, with more spacious and beautiful grounds. But I proceeded on until the broad street terminated in front of Mossman's store, and I turned at right angles, passed the English Mission, turned another angle to the left. and rode up to the residence of Mr. L. W. Tallant, the hospitable, active and energetic man-

The Wailuka Plantation. Here I was welcomed with that genial and courteous kindness, so common to the planters of the Hawaiian Islands, and which makes the wayfarer feel ever at home, and like he could take his "case in his inn." On the brow of the bluff, overlooking the immediate low valley, the bright flashing waters of the Wailuku, and the extensive canefields beyond, the deep valley winding among the green serrated mountains on the west and the blue arena on the north and Haleakela on the east, the situation is very beautiful and commanding. A bright stream of water ripples in music by the door and turns the mill immediately below the bluff in the valley. This mill occupies the site of the first sugar mill erected in Maui, in 1840, by the enterprise of Kamehamcha III. of blessed memory. It is one of the largest and most conveniently arranged of any in the Islands, and turns out some of the best sugar that finds its way to the market of Honolulu or San Francisco. I was favorably impressed by the economical and labor-saving machinery, and with the skill with which everything is conducted-for every department in the mill went on with the regularity of a clock. After a sumptuous dinner, I galloped over the plantation, and was regaled by a sight of their grateful aroma around. The woodland the finest cane in any land. The average produc-

tion of the cane is More than Four Tons to the Acre. The rich lands lie on both banks of the Wailuku river. The hands on the eastern side are Alexander a few years since. Neglected orange, watered by the Kamawai ditch of legal memory- coffee and mango trees were around, but the roses having been the subject of an important law-suit, between the proprietors of the Wailuku Plantation and E. Baily & Son, the proprietors of the adjoining plantation. The land adjoining Mr. Tallant's garden, in Kalua, appeared the most fertile, and here I was told they stopped grinding the cane because it did not produce more than four tons to the acre. The Manager concluded to let it remain until dryer and warmer weather would give it saccharine matter enough to produce five tons. This may appear like exaggeration to those familiar with cane culture in less favored lands, but it is a stubborn fact, and there is not an acre of land in the Kalua basin that will produce less than four tons to the acre, if properly cultivated-and it more frequently produces more than this quantity than less. There are several handred acres on this side of the Wailuku.

and all looked vigorous and flourishing. On the northern side of the Wailuku there are several hundred acres of cane on a rich upland, or kula, watered by the Kalanawai ditch. This cane is not inferior to that of the Kalna cane either in the vigor of its growth or the production of sugar, and it possesses the advantage of social conversation, we galloped across the river more water for irrigation. I rode over this ex- bridge, and through Wailuku, to the tensive field and had a fine view of the whole plantation from the upper portion, at the base of bounded toward the sea and the low plain of the land for cultivation is also contiguous and com-

isthmus by a range of sand dunes. These are pact. It is very fertile, and produced the largest

stalk of cane I ever saw in any land. The pro-

prietors were very active and busy, and I cannot

but think they will succeed in their enterprise.

Mr. E. Baily is quite an artist. Although alto-

gether self-taught, his paintings exhibit great

talent, and would compare favorably with those

master-piece of landscape painting, and that of

is but little inferior. I would recommend him by

all means to spare more time in painting the

beautiful landscapes of Maui, while their freshness

and beauty are yet unmarred by the hand of man.

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be the grand mountain dome of Halcakela? But

as I intend to ride there to-morrow, I will close

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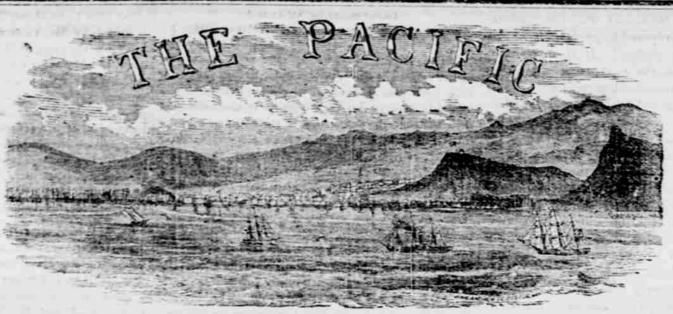
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composed of the abraded coral and beach sand,

and are undergoing a rapid transformation into

sand stone, in regular layers, as the sands have

been heaped up by the winds. It is curious

to trace this process of formation, and to note

the dip of the strata, and the leaves, plants and

shells that the restless winds have drifted with

the sand, and which are becoming embedded in

the rock, in after ages to excite the curiosity of

some wandering geologist. I noticed the shrimp,

the nautilus and mosses entering into the compo-

sition of these forming sandstone hills. In a few

years they will furnish building materials, and

some will even now furnish stone hard enough

for the purpose. On the abrupt western side of

this range of sand hills, looking toward Wailuku,

Pieturesque White Tombs

Of the natives. They are formed by an excava-

tion in the soft sandstone rock in the bluff-side.

built up like diminutive dead houses and white-

washed. At a distance they have a singular ef-

feet and appear more like the dwellings of living

After examining the canefields and riding as far

as Waihee. I returned and concluded to make an

excursion up the romantic valley of Wailuku to

The Needles.

We galloped over the table lands on which the

town of Wailuku is situated, and descended into

the narrow valley of the Wailuku river, where

the stream winds over and among giant basaltic

boulders, and fertalizes the taro patches and fruit

trees which surround the humble cottages of the

natives. I noticed bread fruit, orange and coffee

trees, and they seemed to flourish well and vigor-

ously. Precipitous mountain walls rise up on

either hand to the height of several thousand feet,

clothed with grass and shrubbery to their sum-

mits; they increase in elevation as we advance,

the valley narrows to a deep gien and becomes

dark and shadowy. We ride through a luxuriant

vegetation, and at a point where a stone fence

spans the glen, my guide pointed out the scene of

the battle-ground of Kapamwai. This battle,

which decided the fate of Maui, was fought be-

tween the forces of Kamehameha I, and those of

Kalanikapule, in 1790. The latter was the son

of Kabikili, King of Maui, who was at that time

at Oahu. The battle was long and obstinate.

The carnage was great, and the waters of the

stream, then called Lao, so dammed up with dead

bodies that its name was changed to Wailuku, or

river of slaughter, and the battle was called Ka-

paniwai, or stopping the water. The success of

he battle was attributed to the strategy, skill

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and the bitter pangs of defeat, and called it Importers and Dealers in Hardware, Dry Goods,

and bravery of Kamehameha I. From this san-

stream, where they set up the wail over the dead

Waehn, or river of pain; they fled onward to the

next river-the largest in the Island-where they

ested from their terrible defeat, and called it

Waihee, or river of rest. So in the Hawaiian

sense of the term all the streams here are classical.

boulders-where the stream now became a moun-

tain torrent, brawled over and around them-we

at length came in view of the pinnacles called the

" Needles." The largest, to the right of the path

ascending the valley, is a huge emerald obelisk,

rising at the base of the bold precipitous moun-

tain from the narrow valley. It rises to the

height of about five hundred feet, and is beauti-

fully distinct in the dark back ground of the

abrupt mountain wall, which towers in fern-

covered grandeur above it. To the left of the

valley, about midway up the mountain, another

column towers, apparently in a niche in the side

of the mountain wall, like a colossal statue. It

resembles a giant monk, cowled, slightly bent as

if in deep meditation. I christened it the "Old

Man of the Mountain," from its resemblance to

the human figure. From this point we entered a

dense and shadowy grove of kukui trees and com-

menced a steep, zig-zag path, almost overgrown

with a thick growth of grass and shrubbery, until

Mesa or Table Land.

This consists of an elevated valley, or natural

mountain terrace, between two streams that come

dashing down from the mountain walls on either

hand, leaping over rocks or forming bright ens-

eades, the music of which came up gratefully to

the ear. The view from this mountain bench

sweeps over the whole valley from the mountain

gorges at the sources of the streams, terminating

in the highest peaks of West Maui; and then

down the green winding valley it extends between

the lofty mountain gateway to the ocean. Around

are beautiful flowering shrubs and plants, grow-

ing up through luxuriant grasses and sending

groves were musical with the songs of the wild

birds. A fragrance of roses came gratefully up

from the garden in the wilds, now neglected and

deserted, which was planted by the Rev. W. P.

zephyr oppressed with perfume waxed faint"

over the beautiful wilds, unmarred, untouched by

the hand of man, in this site of mountain grand-

eur. We found the turmeric growing vigorously

and luxuriantly, and from the quantity and qual-

ity, we felt more practical than sentimental, and

thought what a fine manufactory of curry could

be established here. The name of this table land

is well deserved. It is called by the natives Kaa.

laholo, or the "flying fragrance"-a name of

I returned from my excursion highly gratified,

We found the proprietors actively and indus-

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but they have fields of cane to the south of the

river and some to the north. They deserve pros-

perity for their energy and industry. Enjoying a

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simple poetical beauty.

and visited the sugar

we finally stood on the summit of the

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